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3RD ANNUAL GLBT PRIDE EXHIBIT AT STATE CAPITOL

The exhibit, on display in the State Capitol through the entire month of June, and believed to be the first of its kind in any state capitol in the nation, shows a timeline of events that have impacted the GLBT

communities. The exhibit also features each member of the California Legislative GLBT Caucus, the first known official caucus of openly GLBT state legislators in the country.

The exhibit is sponsored by the Speaker of the Assembly **Fabian Núñez**, Senate President pro Tempore **John Burton**, and the Legislative GLBT Caucus. It is organized by the Sacramento Making a Case for Community History Project of the Lavender Library, Archives & Cultural Exchange (LLACE) in association with the State Capitol Museum, under the direction of LLACE Curator, **John Mello**.

The California Legislative GLBT Caucus was originally formed in June 2002.



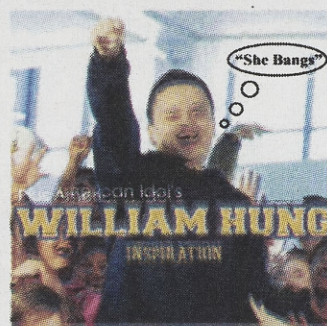
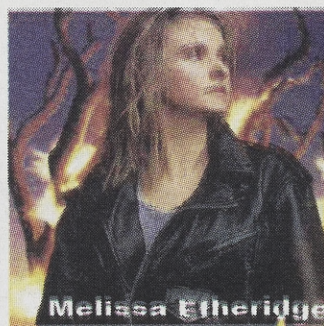
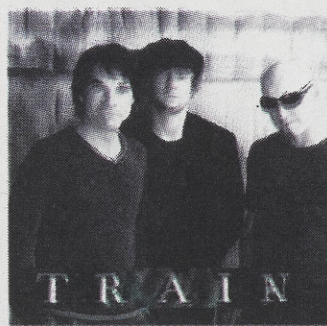
Pride Exhibit display cases currently on display at the State Capitol Museum 2nd floor Rotunda. (above)



The members include: Assemblyman **Mark Leno**, 13th District, Chair Assemblymember **John Laird**, 27th District, Vice Chair Senator **Sheila James Kuehl**, 23rd District, Assemblymember **Jackie Goldberg**, 45th District, Assemblymember **Christine Kehoe**, 76th District. ▼

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Court Allows Non-Biological Parent to Seek Visitation After Breakup

The Washington Court of Appeals is allowing a non-biological mother the right to seek visitation with her daughter after the mother's relationship with the biological mother ended.

"This is wonderful news for gay parents and their children. The court recognition that being a parent is not just about blood ties," said **Leslie Cooper**, a staff attorney with the ACLU's Lesbian and Gay Rights Project. "When two people who have chosen to raise a child together break up, the child involved should not be denied the love and support of a parent simply because that parent doesn't have a biological connection."

Sue Ellen Carvin lived with another woman in a marital-like relationship for 12 years. During that time they decided to have a child together, with her partner giving birth to their daughter. Carvin stayed at home serving as L.B.'s primary caregiver, and their child called her "Mama."

The court's decision reverses a lower ruling, which held that Carvin could not petition for visitation with her child. The appeals court held that where an adult assumes the obligations of parenthood with the consent of the biological parent and has established a parental relationship with the child, she is a "defacto parent" and may seek visitation. The court sent the case back to the trial court to give Carvin the opportunity to prove she was a defacto parent.

The court's decision comes just a week after the Maine Supreme Court sided with a non-biological mother in a similar dispute. Other states that have recognized rights for non-biological parents in same sex relationships include New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, Maryland, Massachusetts and Rhode Island. ▼

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Five Candidates for Congress Endorsed

Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund announced the endorsement of a slate of Congressional candidates including: **Cathy Woolard** (D), Atlanta City Council President for Georgia's 4th congressional district; **Tim Carpenter** (D), Wisconsin State Senator for Wisconsin's 4th; and **Jim Stork** (D), former Wilton Manors (FL) Mayor for Florida's 22nd.

Incumbent **Tammy Baldwin** is again

endorsed and 23-year House member **Barney Frank** for the first time applied for endorsement and with Victory Fund support will take on an anti-gay opponent born out of the marriage equality debate brewing in Massachusetts. Victory Fund plans to endorse 55 candidates in this critical election cycle, up from 37 last year. ▼

Info: www.victoryfund.org

Bush Falls Short On Protecting Gay Federal Employees

From Discrimination Reps. **Eliot Engel** (D-NY), **Barney Frank** (D-MA), **George Miller** (D-CA), **Henry Waxman** (D-CA) and **Tammy Baldwin** (D-WI) have written a letter to **Scott Bloch**, Director of the Office of Special Counsel (OSC), about the lack of evidence that the OSC has genuinely reversed its policy of ignoring the rights of gay and lesbian federal employees. Bloch, who is responsible for protecting the rights of all federal employees, is failing to restore clear directives on the OSC website against discrimination based on sexual orientation. Bloch has also instructed that only political operatives at the OSC be allowed to look into discrimination complaints against gays and lesbians. Another source of concern is that Bloch has instituted a "gag" order

preventing OSC staff from discussing with other federal agencies its policy on dealing with complaints of sexual discrimination.

"Mr. Bloch is continuing his right-wing assault on the rights of gay and lesbian federal employees," said Rep. Engel, who, with Rep. Frank, on 3/4/04 led a letter from 70 Members of Congress to Mr. Bloch calling on him to correct the OSC website by listing discrimination against gay and lesbian federal employees as against the law. "The White House issued a statement publicly opposing Mr. Bloch's policy after it became well-known, but considering he is still employed and using his authority to subvert federal law, I am concerned that the President is allowing Mr. Bloch's homophobic agenda to move forward." ▼

Gay/Labor Pioneer Elected Vice-President of Labor Council

One of the most influential organized labor bodies in the U.S. has elected gay/labor pioneer **Howard Wallace** to the position of Vice-President of Community Activities. The Council represents over 81,000 members of more than 140 affiliated local unions and constituency groups. Wallace currently represents Pride at Work (PAW) on the Executive Committee of the Council. PAW serves GLBT workers and is part of the AFL-CIO. Wallace was a founder and one of its first national co-chairs.

Walter Johnson, Secretary-Treasurer of the Council, called Wallace "a highly effective organizer who has always been there for us and has definitely made history." He will have a voice and vote of all standing committees of the organization. Howard retired from the 90,000-member Health Care Workers Local 250 last year after serving on staff for 14 years. Prior to that, he was on the national staff of the United Farm Workers, AFL-CIO. Wallace promised to "launch joint projects of many progressive segments of San Francisco." ▼

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Under The Domes

Unprecedented Week of Transgender Activism in Nation's Capitol

Three national transgender or gender-diverse civil rights organizations lobbied Capitol Hill simultaneously and, for the first time, all lobbied for the same issues. In addition, yet another rejuvenated national group conducted its first organized protest in years, and still another organization conducted a march to the Viet Nam Veterans' Memorial, and conducted a historic wreath laying ceremony.

The majority of those few GOP sponsors of ENDA and Hate Crimes that were reportedly reluctant to support transgender-inclusive legislation now appear to be supportive of the additional language.

On the negative side, the perennial gatekeepers to transgender rights still need more "time" and "education." As one Senate staffer said, it would be "immensely helpful" for us to get the Human Rights Campaign (HRC) on board, and a House staffer bolstered it, saying their office would "be there in a minute - but it's not our bill. You need Barney [Frank D-MA], you need HRC." ▼

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Oklahoma Passes Anti-Gay, Anti-Family Measure

Oklahoma Governor Brad Henry, recently signed House Bill 1821. The anti-gay, anti-family measure would require the state, its agencies and the courts of Oklahoma to not recognize adoptions from other jurisdictions by same-sex couples. In the case of second-parent adoptions where one parent is the biological parent, the non-biological parent may be denied access to their children in the hospital or barred from making medical decisions for their children.

Sen. James Williamson (R-Tulsa) offered the measure as an amendment to another bill. The Senate passed the measure by a 44-0 vote and the House by a 93-4 vote later in the month. This bill flies in the face of position statements from leading child welfare organizations who have supported joint and/or second-parent adoptions by same-sex couples, including the American Academy of Pediatrics, Child Welfare League of America, North American Council on Adoptable Children, American Psychological Association, American Bar Association, American Psychiatric Association, American Psychoanalytic Association and the American Academy of Family Physicians. ▼

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Thank you for picking up the MGW Community Pride Issue - we hope you enjoy our coverage of the many events that have happened recently, along with news and entertainment.

-MGW Staff

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Chris Espersen, Terry Dyer (Sacramento), and Kerry Harrison from the Phoenix Desert Divas take a break from volleyball
The GLBT Caucus at the Capitol - photo: John Mello
Two Lambda volunteers taking a break - photo: Ed Kelley
Madelyn and Charla at the Gay Prom - photo: Ed Kelley



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Military Report Released

Racial and Sexual Harassment Taken More Seriously than Anti-Gay Violence

A new draft report shows that despite official Pentagon assertions that the military takes anti-gay harassment as seriously as harassment against women and racial minorities, the military's policies and practices reveal markedly different enforcement and deterrent efforts for these three forms of abuse.

Senior Pentagon officials repeatedly have insisted that the military seeks to deter and punish all forms of abuse. Former Assistant Secretary of Defense **Kenneth Bacon**, for example, noted in 1999 that "There's no room for harassment in the military. And this applies to harassment based on race, harassment based on sex, and harassment based on sexual orientation. Just as racial harassment is inappropriate, harassment based on sexual orientation is inappropriate."

According to **Sharon Terman**, however, author of the new 39-page report, the Pentagon's policies and practices regarding:

- 1) training and education
- 2) measurement
- 3) reporting
- 4) processing of complaints
- 5) anti-retaliation
- 6) accountability

All demonstrate far more meaningful efforts on the part of the military to prevent racial and sexual harassment than anti-gay harassment.

In the report, Terman shows that regardless of military leaders' intentions, the gay ban itself prevents the armed forces from deterring anti-gay abuse. Terman says that the failure to prevent anti-gay abuse "results from the practical and conceptual problems with regulating harassment in a discriminatory institution." ▼

Info: www.gaymilitary.ucsb.edu

New York Court Backs Gay Marriage

A New York court ruled in favor of gay marriage in dismissing the criminal charges against **Jason West**, the mayor of New Paltz, who married a number of gay and lesbian couples in February of 2004.

In applying the "rational basis standard" under the state equal protection clause, Judge **Jonathan Katz** concluded that "none of the reasons stated in opposition to same-sex marriage is paramount to the equal protection guarantees enshrined in the state and federal constitutions."

Judge Katz listed a number of New York laws and court rulings as establishing that the policy of New York is to "outlaw discrimination based on sexual preference."

In the case, the State of New York took no position against same-sex marriage, instead limiting its argument to whether the mayor violated a New York law that prohibits solemnizing marriages for people who have not been issued marriage licenses.

In concluding his five page opinion, Judge Katz eloquently cited Supreme Court Justice Brandeis: "We must ever be on our guard lest we erect our prejudices into legal principles."

"The ruling also raises the possibility that the Republican Convention will be held in a state has ended marital discrimination against gay and lesbian couples" says **Sears** who runs UCLA School of Law's Williams Project, a national think tank on sexual orientation law and public policy.

"This is a tremendous victory and could result in extending the rights and obligations of marriage to thousands of families in New York and across the United States," says **Sears**. ▼

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By Maggie Bowen
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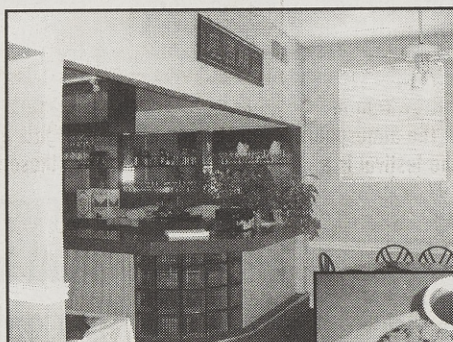
Memorial Day marks the official opening of picnic season and the air is redolent with the smell of hot dogs and hamburgers. Nowhere is that smell more heady or mouthwatering than at **Nationwide Freezer Meats** at 1930 H Street.

Admittedly, that is a very strange name for a burger joint, but Nationwide is arguably one of the best places to get a burger in Sacramento and it is a perfect place to picnic if you prefer your picnics indoors.

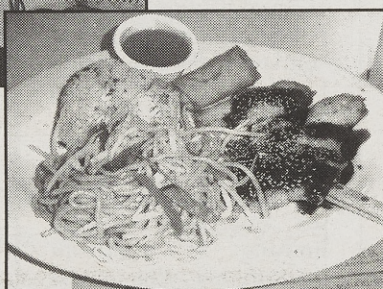
It has a large roomy interior, with a beautiful mural of its old hole-in-the-wall location. Service was fast. You place your order at a counter then the food is brought to you in a brown paper bag, which you split and use for a plate!

Great! And there is no messy clean up. The burgers were huge with all the requisite condiments and toppings one would expect on a perfect hamburger.

My friend ordered fries, which were plenty for two. They were not the skinny frozen kind, but large solid slabs of real potato. Perhaps the best fries the Gourmet has ever had, at



First Choice interior (left), and the sesame chicken plate pictured below



least in recent memory.

The Gourmet has also done some more Asian dining, notably at The Thai Palace on J and 32nd Streets.

The atmosphere is very lovely. The waitpersons wear authentic costumes and the service is superb, not to mention the Lemon Chicken and Silvered Noodles with Prawns.

After reading that the food critic for the Bee visits each establishment three times, the Gourmet paid another visit to Nishiki's at 16th and P Streets.

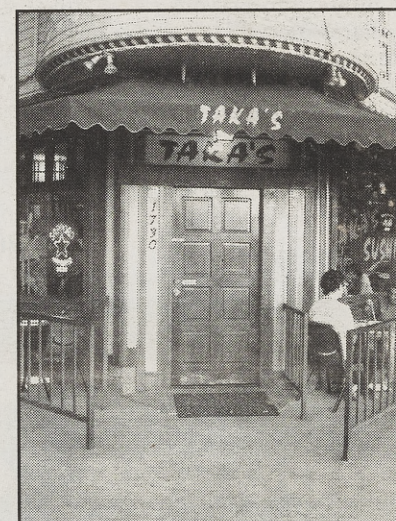
The food was excellent, but the service was not as good as the time before. First the Gourmet and friend were seated at a small table in the sun, when many other cooler places were available. We asked to be moved and we were, but then we received only one menu. Eventually we got two menus and proceeded to order. The food was great and the service got better, but it was still a comedown from the superb service we had the first time we were there.

The Gourmet was also treat to lunch at **First Choice**, a Chinese restaurant at 1315 21st Street. The Chow Mein and Fried Rice were very good, and my friends Sweet and Sour Chicken was also

delightful. Unfortunately, my Sesame Chicken was mostly inedible, which, proved the Gourmet's rule; Never order Japanese food in a Chinese restaurant!

The Gourmet also dined at Taka's on the corner of 17th and S Streets. The food was delicious and my Teriyaki Chicken was melt-in-your-mouth good. My friend's tempura was crisp without being greasy. There were lots of diners, many enjoying the excellent sushi bar.

Beginning with the next issue, the Gourmet will be vacationing out of state. Summer columns will be devoted to particular topics, such as the origin of the potato chip and other bits of food trivia. ▼



Takas's entrance pictured above, and sushi rolls below.



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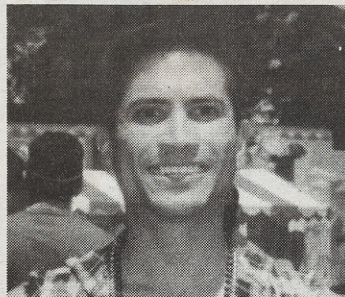
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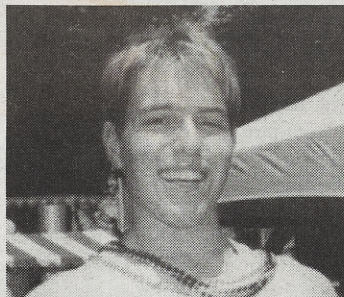
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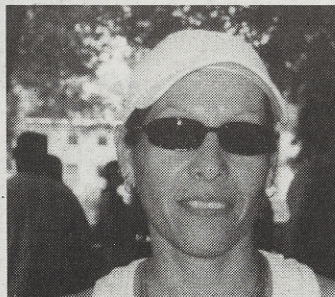
Paul Jones
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"My favorite part of the fair is getting to see people that I haven't seen in a long time. I like all the community support and all the diversity of the businesses...we are everywhere!"



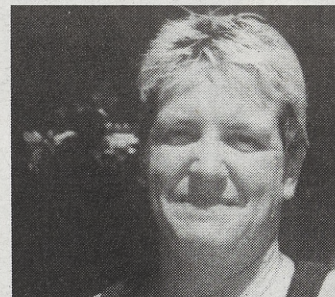
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"I really like the S.F. cheer leaders. The booths and the atmosphere is great! The admission is great to support our Lambda Center! Lesbian Comedy is great!"



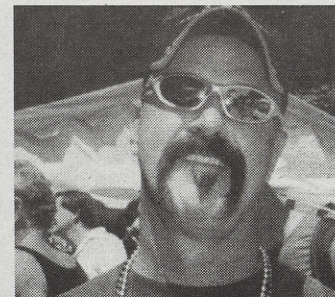
Olivia Valdez
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"My favorite is the freedom to express yourself and to be with the one you love openly! The atmosphere and the diversity of the festival is a wonderful experience!"



Nicki Volkes
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"The women in the beer garden having a cold beer and cruising each other! The S.F. Cheers girls are too fine and sexy and love those splits!"

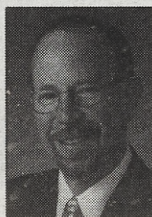


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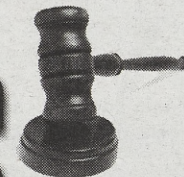
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Control Room
A film by Jehane Noujaim. (Not Rated, 84 min.)

With the aftermath of the United States' adventure into Iraq in March 2003 still haunting the Bush administration and with great uncertainty over how everything will turn out, it behooves us to re-examine the messages we got from both the media and the government when it all started.

Control Room does just that. It's a timely antidote to the

servent rah-rah that Fox News dished out and a sober assessment of the spin that the US government gave the facts as they were unveiled.

As the bombs fell in Iraq, Arab-American filmmaker Jehane Noujaim found herself, along with dozens of other journalists, in the US military's Central Command (Centcom) compound in Qatar.

However, instead of covering the military assaults occurring 700 miles away, as everyone else did, she trained her camera in the opposite direction - at the journalists reporting the news and the military spokespeople briefing the reporters.

Control Room is a fascinating look behind the scenes at the news gathering and reporting

by Stefan Gruenwedel
MGW Staff

operations during that dramatic time. To achieve some sense of cohesion, Noujaim focused her lenses on the lightning rod of the press room: the controversial Arab television station called Al Jazeera. By getting unparalleled access to both Al Jazeera and Centcom, she met both the owners and reporters who run this free-thinking station that Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld famously branded "Osama bin Laden's mouthpiece."

According to Control Room, Al Jazeera has a refreshingly healthy perspective on news reporting that many major news outlets in this country would be wise to emulate.

Take Senior Producer Samir Khader, who describes his news organization as the kind that Americans should want in the Middle East: an Arab channel with a western mentality. He's a real fan of the US; not only would he gladly work for Fox News in a heartbeat but he aims to move one day to the US and send his children to college here.

Journalist Hassan Ibrahim tempers his vehemence towards the US-led war with the utmost admiration for our country and our Constitution. His take on Middle East politics is a refreshing breath of fresh air amid all

the hot air emanating from most media pundits.

Meanwhile, Lt. Josh Rushing, Centcom's press officer, transcends official propaganda to show he's able to understand and respect the point of view of the "other side." Looking at him, you realize the enormously difficult job he had to convey the facts as accurately as possible to reporters around the world.

Other participants give Control Room a sense of completeness. Deema Khatin, an Al Jazeera producer, tells how her sense of humor allows her to face the horrors of war coming over the monitors in the network's control room. CNN's Tom Mintier, a veteran reporter, uses his power to ensure that all reporters have equal access to information.

NBC's David Shuster, a relatively

new correspondent, calls Al Jazeera one of the most important cultural developments in the Arab world.

From the questionable timing of the Jessica Lynch rescue story and the comical unveiling of the notorious "Iraqi's Most Wanted" deck of cards to the unchecked looting of Baghdad, the staged toppling of Saddam Hussein's statue, and the criminal death of an Al Jazeera reporter from US bombs, Control Room depicts the hazards and challenges of news reporting during wartime and the complexities that arise when striving to achieve true fairness and objectivity amid all the insanity.

Control Room plays at the Tower Theater. ▼

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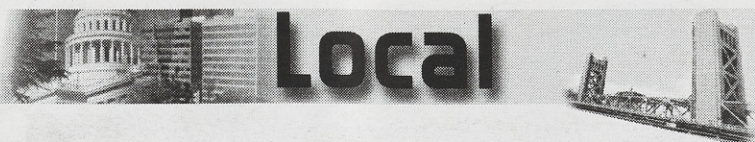
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Welcome to the Dollhouse

by Stefan Gruenwedel
MGW Staff

In 1975 a creepy little film called *The Stepford Wives* depicted a suburban town in which a group of frightened men felt so emasculated by "women's lib" that they rebelled by replacing their freethinking wives with complacent, housecleaning robots. It was B-movie fare, for sure, but rather memorable for its disturbing attitude towards women. No wonder the term "Stepford wife" entered the American lexicon.

and act exceedingly polite and vapid. Claire (**Glenn Close**), the demented woman who leads the welcome wagon, is as hospitable as she is authoritarian. But Joanna, who wears black and sports a severe bob, wants to recover from her recent trauma in New York and, to please Walter, tries her best to fit in and take part as much as she can in the women's planned activities. Soon after her arrival she meets Bobbie (delightful-as-ever **Bette**

Considering the fact that these women are shown to have achieved considerable stature in their respective careers before moving to Stepford, one can only wonder at the twisted logic behind the men's motives. In 1975 they worried about women discovering their own individuality; in 2004 they want to crush them because they've achieved the same success as they have (or even exceeded it).

It's not as though these guys are truck-driving losers; they're all former corporate executives. It's hard to feel their pain. You'd think with all their combined wealth the couples would just hire a nanny for the kids and a maid for the kitchen and mend their marriages in Tahiti. The main problem underlying *The Stepford Wives* is its insistence on playing a dark theme for laughs while dealing with circumstances that are not exactly laughable. It tries to be satirical but lacks the guts to go all the way, playing it safe so as not to offend audiences.

Except gay people; they're always fair game. Despite the prominence of Roger and Jerry as a bona fide couple, the film sheds little light on the experience or expectations of real gay couples. In fact, Roger and Jerry are so much out of place in Stepford that their presence is a real head-shaker. Apparently, gays provide comedies today with the equivalent boisterous personalities that blacks lent comedies in earlier years.

Let's face it: In the original *Stepford Wives*, the women were replaced wholesale by robotic look-alikes. In this mixed-up remake, whatever transformation constitutes a "Stepford wife" is nothing short of a duplicitous plot device. Nothing terrible really happens, so it makes little impact in the end.

What could have been an interesting, if humorous, commentary on contemporary values regarding men's and women's balance of career with family—not to mention American society's ongoing love-hate relationship with physical and personality makeovers—manifests itself instead as a mishmash of a movie. It tries to be all campy and silly, yet wraps its arms around a serious and creepy premise.

The Stepford Wives plays at major theaters.

Info: www.stepfordwives.com



Nicole Kidman and Bette Midler get to the bottom of the mystery that lurks in "The Stepford Wives."

Photo by: Andrew Schwarz

The Stepford Wives

Starring Nicole Kidman, Mathew Broderick, Bette Midler, Christopher Walken, Glenn Close.

Written by Paul Rudnick. Directed by Frank Oz. (Rated PG-13, 93 min.)

Twenty-five years later, the "battle of the sexes" has certainly changed and women's roles in the workplace and in families have mostly improved. Yet, politics being what they are, it would seem that revisiting the world of Stepford with 21st century glasses could be fun and perhaps even instructive.

Unfortunately, **Paul Rudnick's** update of **Ira Levin's** original story leaves very much to be desired. True to Rudnick's form (he also penned *Jeffrey*, *In & Out*, and *Addams Family Values*), his *Stepford* screenplay is full of great zingers and gay (or at least campy) references. Somewhere along the way, however, the actual point of the movie gets lost—to such an extent that the film makes little sense ultimately and serves no purpose other than to elicit some chuckles for a couple of hours.

Joanna (a vibrant **Nicole Kidman**) is a wildly successful TV network executive who suffers a nervous breakdown after her increasingly envelope-pushing reality shows prove too much for her network to bear. To her rescue comes faithful husband Walter (**Mathew Broderick**), who quits his job at the same network and moves them and their two children from cutthroat Manhattan to the quiet, secluded, gated community of Stepford, Connecticut.

Something seems off-kilter about the place. All the women have meticulously coiffed hair, wear southern-belle dresses and hats, work their kitchens like magic,

Midler), a down-to-earth neighbor whose smart mouth keeps her whiner husband Dave (**Jon Lovitz**) in line; and architect Roger (**Roger Bart**), a gay newcomer to the area who lives with his too-conservative partner, Jerry (**David Marshall Grant**). Bobbie, a successful author, is a recovering alcoholic and a total slob at home. Roger dresses flamboyantly, of course, and finds the Stepford wives' endless fascination with homemaking delightfully campy, not creepy. The three of them band together to find out what makes their weird new home tick.

Meanwhile, the husbands of these three meet the other men in town at the Stepford Men's Association, a gothic mansion that hides a terrible secret. Claire's husband, Mike (**Christopher Walken**), acts as the men's chief influencer. Just as she controls the women at the Stepford Day Spa, he entices the men to embrace their deep, inner male selves—meaning ego-pleasing leisure.

Somewhat we are made to believe that the men of Stepford suffer from damaged relationships with their wives (or partner, in the case of Roger and Jerry). Not surprisingly, they blame only the women for their woes, whether it's the absence of sex or a lack of quality time with their children.

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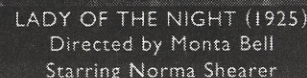
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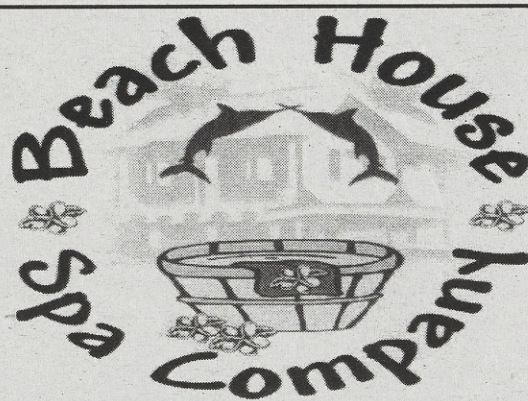
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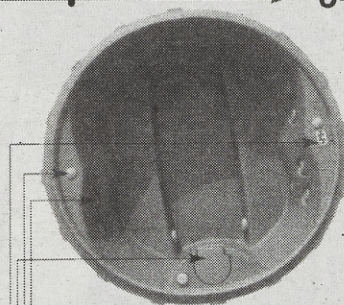
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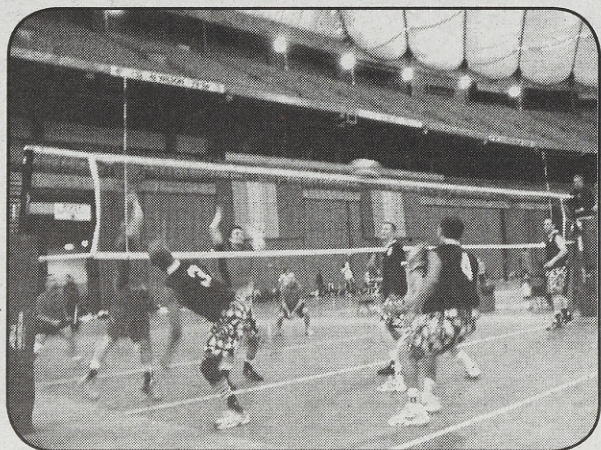
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Vancouver Hosts Gay Ballers

By Terry Dyer
MGW Staff

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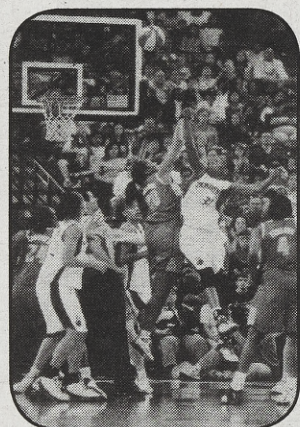
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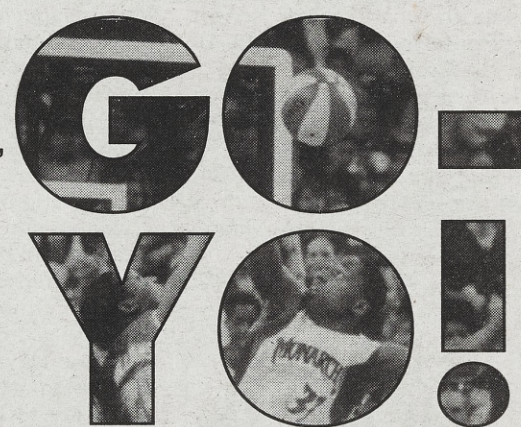
WNBA players won't be the only ones winning this summer. In celebration of the league's eighth season, the WNBA will offer fans the chance to win more than \$1 million, a luxury vacation and other great prizes through a series of local promotions as part of the Summer of Dreams campaign. The campaign begins Saturday, April 17 and runs throughout the regular season, ending on September 21. Fans will be automatically entered in the local Summer of Dreams promotions upon

purchasing any WNBA regular season game ticket within the respective promotional periods. In addition, fans can also enter the promotion by completing entry forms at team Box Offices and at participating retail stores in select markets. In addition, as part of the Summer of Dreams campaign, each team will host a Dreams Come True Fan Festival during the season. Fans will celebrate with their favorite team and honor local players and Olympians for their achievements.

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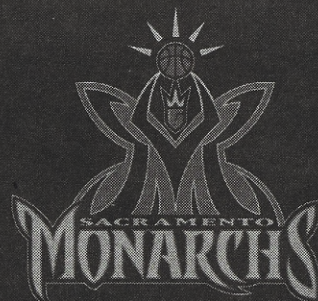
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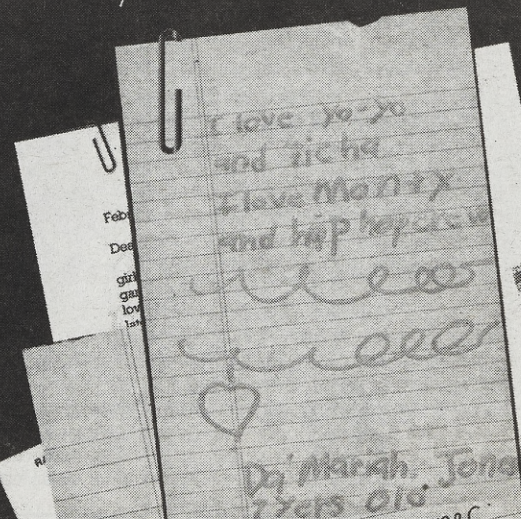
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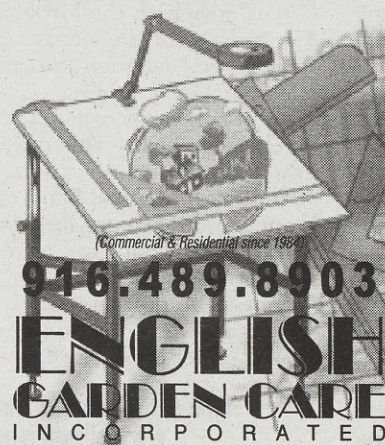
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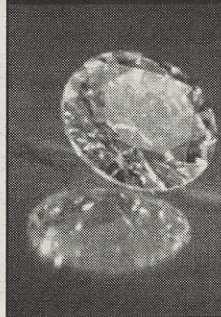
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By Maggie Bowen
MGW Staff

Dear Tabby,

I live with a large aggressive dog. I don't fear for myself because I can outrun him, but I live with human children and I am afraid that they might get hurt. Am I being overly protective or am I right to be concerned.

-Watchful Kitty in Elk Grove

Dear Watchful,

You have every reason to be concerned. Statistics tell us that half of the children in the country will be bitten by the time they reach 12th grade, and more than 40% of these attacks are the result of encounters with family pets.

About 20 people a year die from dog bites, and though this number is not very large, compared to all the dogs in America, it's always a tragedy, especially when a young human is the one killed.

I hope that your human has good insurance, because the average dog bite insurance

claim pays out about \$12,000. That's a lot of catnip to pay for something that could be avoided with good obedience training for the dog.

My advice to humans is to take precautions around unfamiliar dogs. For instance, don't hit or kick the dog or run away because this can cause retaliation. Also, you can avoid an attack by a dog running at you by standing still until he loses interest. Avoid eye contact because this may be viewed as threatening. If you are carrying food, drop it on the ground and remain still. If a dog does knock you down, stay down, roll yourself in a ball and "play dead" until the dog loses interest and it is safe to get up.

It is a shame that so many humans have done such a poor job of communicating the need for proper etiquette to their dogs, but alas they have not.

Tabby is glad that you are a good runner, but your nine lives will not last forever, so Tabby advises that you get your decision making humans under control and off to obedience school with that large dog. That's the only way that you and your human children can ever feel safe.

-Tabby

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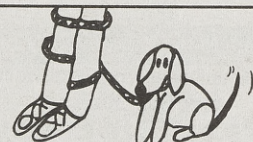
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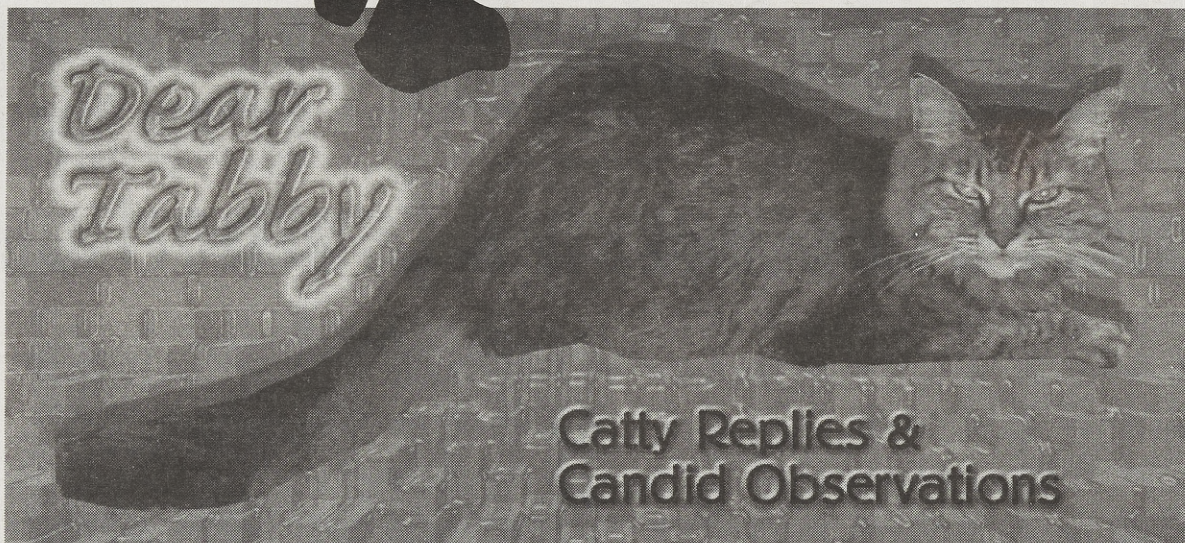


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-Affable Abyssinian in Carmichael

Dear Affable,

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Unfortunately we did not conceive of such violent behavior in the species, since we are so calm and peaceful. This, of course, is why we must be constantly vigilant with our human charges. We have to keep their hands and

minds occupied with something other than violent behavior. We must crawl in their laps, purr, and keep them occupied, so that they are soothed by us and do not think of hurting each other.

As far as the war in Iraq is concerned. The best solution I see is that we felines, en masse, get on transport and take ourselves to Iraq. There we must put ourselves in the laps and hearts of the people and soldiers.

After we get in their laps, we start purring to encourage them to pet us and look after us. It is really hard for people to make war when they are engaged in petting and caring for us, their feline friends. This is the real reason that they were give thumbs and they need to learn that lesson now.

It is time for felines everywhere to give up their cushy homes and protest against the needless cruelties that are happening around the globe. The downside is that if we all went to Iraq, we would leave our humans here unsupervised, and who know what mischief they would dream up in our absence.

I think we should all get together and do this very soon. But first Tabby needs short nap to keep up her strength; then lunch then a longer nap. Maybe we should all nap on it and think up other ways that we can help out. And remember, just keeping your human calm in this stressful time is still doing your patriotic duty.

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HIV Newsline

On the HIV Front

By Sonya Cox
AIDS/HIV Editor

South Africa's Drug Program Hits Another Snag...

No new South Africans -- especially children -- will receive anti-retrovirals from the country's national drug program because of the erratic availability of drug supplies from pharmaceutical firms, the country's Health Ministry announced this week. The decision comes a month after South Africa's President made a national pledge to provide free anti-retrovirals to 50,000 people with AIDS over the next nine months.

But the Health Ministry decided that no more children could receive the drugs due to the apparent incapacity of the pharmaceutical companies to keep up with demand.

Hospitals participating in the national program were instructed to make sure they had enough anti-retrovirals before enrolling new patients. "A secure supply of anti-retrovirals is crucial because the medication is a lifelong treatment," says the Health Ministry, and "interruptions could lead to the development of

resistance."

A spokesperson for the Treatment Action Campaign, helping to coordinate the program, said the government is shirking its responsibilities by blaming drug companies. "There should be no problem with supply. There are supplies of all necessary essentials with pharmaceutical companies. The government," he says, "needs to do better planning, and it needs systems to ensure no supply disruption in the availability of proper medicines." ▼

Mexico Rules Army Can't Discharge POZ Soldiers...

The Mexican armed forces law that makes HIV or AIDS grounds for discharge is discriminatory and unconstitutional, a Mexican court has ruled. The ruling suggests the next step may be repeal of the law, as activists have been demanding. An HIV-positive sergeant filed the lawsuit five years ago, arguing that he was discharged unfairly and was turned away when he sought medical help for himself, his wife and his son, who also are HIV-infected.

The high court tribunal ruled that the armed forces are governed by the Mexican constitution, six international treaties, and several federal laws that prohibit discrimination against and firing of people with HIV. But it conflicts with the armed forces' Social Security Institute Law which says that HIV causes permanent disability and therefore is grounds for discharge.

The law's passage last year provoked an outcry from AIDS activists, and an amendment to the law has been introduced that would eliminate HIV as grounds for discharge, because infection does not mean a person is unable to work. More than 270 HIV cases have been detected in the Mexican military in the past 10 years according to "official" reports, but lawyers representing people with HIV and AIDS say the number is much higher. ▼

FTC Stops Sale Of Defective Discreet Test...

Thousands have purchased a home HIV test that gives inaccurate results, says the Federal Trade Commission, which has obtained a court order to halt sales of the Discreet test kit in the United States. The two Web sites selling the kit, however, are based in Canada, outside US court jurisdiction. The owner of the sites maintains that repeated trials have shown Discreet to be more than 99 percent accurate, but he could not provide any research results. FTC investigators and CDC researchers, however, say the test produces both false positive and false negative results.

While sales continue, FTC has asked Federal

Express and the US Customs Service to confiscate shipments to consumers in this country. But FTC attorneys acknowledge that stopping all deliveries will be difficult. At least 3,000 kits were shipped via Federal Express to the United States last year.

FTC's court filings accuse the site owner and site operator, Seville Marketing Ltd, of false advertising and deceptive practices, and a temporary restraining order has been issued, but so far the site owner and operator are ignoring it.

"Anyone who has used this kit in the past," warn investigators, "should get another test done immediately." ▼

Condom News...

* Free condoms are being offered to passengers on over 70 buses running a well-traveled route along a busy highway that lies between China's Sichuan province and the Tibet region -- part of an HIV/AIDS prevention program launched by China and Britain. "It is a good place to launch HIV and AIDS prevention among the migrant population," an official with the program noted. HIV and AIDS prevention materials in Chinese and Tibetan have also been placed on the buses.

* The Swedish Organization for Sexual Education plans to express-deliver condoms by car in an effort to curb rising STD rates among young Swedes. The group, with four cars stocked with condoms, will patrol Stockholm as well as Goteborg and Malmoe, Sweden's second- and third-largest cities. People lacking contraception can call the express and have a 10-pack of condoms delivered for (US) \$6.66 -- slightly less than the cost at state-owned pharmacies.

"It's our hope that the contraceptive will be perceived as a fun sex accessory and not just as a way to protect against infectious, sexually transmitted diseases," said a spokesman for the organization.

* The government of Catalonia, in northeastern Spain, has plans to place condom vending machines in schools, defying rulings of the Roman Catholic Church. The plan came about after statistics showed a surge in HIV in young mothers, and is an attempt to control HIV's spread among a generation that no longer thinks it is a threat. "We have clear signs that less safe sex is being practiced, as if AIDS was no longer a problem," says the city's director of health.

The final decision on whether to install the machines in each school will rest with a managing committee of staff and parents. The machine-installation plan includes a sex education program.

Not surprisingly, the Vatican's Cardinal Trujillo, on a visit to Spain, accused those who promote condoms of playing Russian roulette with young people's health, and lashed out against the "condom festivals" supported by public authorities.

But city officials say that the rising HIV rate among Catalonia's youth, especially women, is a challenge to local health authorities. The proposed condom vending machines for schools, like those in Catalonia's libraries, universities and sports clubs, will sell condoms at half price. ▼

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Farmers Market, 10am-2pm, Cesar Chavez Plaza, www.oldsacramento.com
Winson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati Medical Device Conference, 6/23-6/24, Fairmont Hotel, San Jose, 650-493-9300
Wednesday Farmers Market, 10am-2pm, Cesar Chavez Plaza, www.downtownsac.org

24 THURSDAY

SF International Lesbian & Gay Film Festival, Castro Theatre SF, www.frameline.org 415-835-8775
Weight Watchers, 6pm-6:45pm, www.lambdasac.org
Circle of Friends, 7:30pm-9pm, www.lambdasac.org
Farmers Market, 10am-2pm, Westfield Shoppingtown Downtown Plaza, www.oldsacramento.com
Liberty: 3 Stories About Life & Death, 6pm, Roxie Theater, www.frameline.org
Thursday Farmers Market, 10am-2pm, Westfield Shoppingtown, www.downtownsac.org
Oak Park Neighborhood Association, 6-8pm, Stockton Blvd. Partnership Community Room, 456-6911

25 FRIDAY

Take Your Dog To Work Day, The San Francisco SPCA, www.sfsPCA.org
Monarchs play Houston Comets, 7pm, ARCO Arena, www.sacramentomonarchs.com 916-419-WNBA
Queerocity, SMAAC Youth Center, www.ngai.org
Friday Night Concerts in the Park, 5pm-9pm, Cesar Chavez Plaza, www.downtownsac.org
SF International Lesbian & Gay Film Festival, Castro Theatre SF, www.frameline.org
Youth Group, 8pm-9:30pm, www.lambdasac.org
Café Lambda, 9:30pm-12am, www.lambdasac.org
After The Monarchs Game Party, Uptown Studios, tina@uptownstudios.net

26 SATURDAY

SF International Lesbian & Gay Film Festival, Castro Theatre SF, www.frameline.org 415-835-8775
Weight Watchers, 9am-10am, www.lambdasac.org
Café Lambda, 9:30pm-12am, www.lambdasac.org
Spring's Over Plant Sale, 6/26-6/27, 9am-3pm, 7507 Alma Vista Way, 429-8315
Outright Radio: The eX Files, 7pm, KXJZ, KUOP, & KKTU, csus.edu/npr/OutrightRadio
Out 4 Justice, 6/26-6/27, 415-864-0831

27 SUNDAY

SF LGBT Parade
Monarchs play Phoenix Mercury, 7pm, ARCO Arena, www.sacramentomonarchs.com 916-419-WNBA
SF International Lesbian & Gay Film Festival, Castro Theatre SF, www.frameline.org 415-835-8775
Sexual Compulsives Anonymous, 5pm-6:30pm, www.lambdasac.org

www.lambdasac.org
Women's Coming Out Group, 6pm-7:30pm, www.lambdasac.org

28 MONDAY

Lambda Law Referral Service, 5:30pm-9pm, www.lambdasac.org
Men's Coming Out Group, 6pm-7:30pm, www.lambdasac.org
Men's Discussion Group, 6:30pm-8pm, www.lambdasac.org
Over The Rainbow NA Group, 8pm-9pm, www.lambdasac.org

29 TUESDAY

Music in the Zoo, 5:15pm, Sacramento Zoo, www.saczoo.com 264-5888
Weight Watchers, 5pm-5:45pm, www.lambdasac.org
Survivors of Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault, 6pm-7pm, www.lambdasac.org
Farmers Market, 10am-2pm, Roosevelt Park, www.oldsacramento.com
Towering Termite Tour @ Sac Zoo, 9am-4pm, thru July 1, www.saczoo.com, 264-5888
Tuesday Farmers Market, 10am-2pm, Roosevelt Park, www.downtownsac.org

30 WEDNESDAY

For Youth, By Youth GLBTQ Youth Support Group, 6:30pm-8pm, www.lambdasac.org
Womyn on Wednesdays, 7pm-9pm, www.lambdasac.org
Farmers Market, 10am-2pm, Cesar Chavez Plaza, www.oldsacramento.com
Log Cabin Republicans of Sac meeting, 7pm, logcabinsacramento.org
Wednesday Farmers Market, 10am-2pm, Cesar Chavez Plaza, www.downtownsac.org

JULY

1 THURSDAY

A Night With Paul Lynde, M Bar Restaurant, Hollywood, 818-766-0667
Thursday Farmers Market, 10am-2pm, Westfield Shoppingtown, www.downtownsac.org
Weight Watchers, 6-6:45pm, www.lambdasac.org
SACWN, 7-9pm, www.lambdasac.org
Circle of Friends, 7:30-9pm, www.lambdasac.org

2 FRIDAY

Friday Night Concerts in the Park, 5pm-9pm, Cesar Chavez Plaza, www.downtownsac.org
A Night With Paul Lynde, M Bar Restaurant, Hollywood, 818-766-0667
Wildflowers All Female "Awesome" Dance Band, 8pm, Club 21
Youth Group, 8pm-9:30pm, www.lambdasac.org
Café Lambda, 9:30pm-12am, www.lambdasac.org

3 SATURDAY

GSAC General Meeting, 7pm, gsac@couple-national.org
A Night With Paul Lynde, M Bar Restaurant, Hollywood, 818-766-0667
Outright Radio: Coming Out Against the Odds, 7pm, KXJZ, KUOP, & KKTU, csus.edu
Gay Traffic School, 9am-5pm, www.lambdasac.org
Weight Watchers, 9am-10am, www.lambdasac.org

THEATRE / DANCE / ORCHESTRA

Actors Theatre

Beyond the Proscenium, Sci-Fi Hotel: The Musical, July 8 thru August 8
 1616 Del Paso Blvd., 922-9774
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 Sci-Fi Hotel: The Musical (ver 2.0), July 8 thru August 8
 Actors Theatre, 1616 Del Paso Blvd., 922-9774, www.beyondtheproscenium.org

California Musical Theatre

The Wizard of Oz, July 6 thru 18;
 The Fantasticks, July 20 thru 25;
 Oklahoma, July 27 thru August 1;
 The Pirates of Penzance, August 3 thru 8;
 Footloose, August 10 thru 15;
 The Scarlet Pimpernel, August 17 thru 22;
 Jesus Christ Superstar, August 24 thru September 5;
 Hairspray, September 29 thru October 10;
 Movin' Out, November 3 thru 14;
 Peter Pan, December 28 thru January 2, 2005;
 Big River: The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn, January 26 thru February 6, 2005;
 Singing In The Rain, March 9 thru 20, 2005;
 The Lion King, April 28 thru June 5, 2005
 1510 J Street, 446-5880, 446-1370, www.californiamusicaltheatre.com

Castro Theatre

Ladies and Gentlemen Prefer Jane Russell, July 23, 8pm, reception 6pm 415-863-0611, hostess2@earthlink.net

Downright Downtown

Shakespeare Lite, thru July 1
 www.downtownsac.org

Empire Mine State Historic Park

Plainsong, June 21 thru 24, June 28 thru July 1, 6-8:10pm
 10791 E. Empire St., Grass Valley 530-268-8578

Fair Oaks Theatre Festival

Theatre Under the Stars, June 18 thru July 25
 American River College, 4700 College Oak Dr., 484-8433
Fairytale Town
 Puppet Festival, Tuesday-Sunday thru July 3; International Festival, July

11, 11am-3pm; Twilight Concert Series, Wednesdays thru August 25, 6-9pm; Thirteen Themed Thursdays, thru August 27, 5pm-7pm; Crystal's Midsummer Night's Dream and Ice Cream Fantasy, June 16, 5-9pm;

Wacky Water Father's Day, June 20, 11am-3pm; International Festival, July 9 thru 11, 11am-3pm; Wacky Water Day, July 17, 11am-3pm;

Very Special Arts Festival, July 24 thru 25, 11am-3pm
 264-5233, www.fairytaletown.org

Foothill Theatre Company

Fully Committed, thru August 15;
 Sierra Shakespeare Festival: As You Like It & Much Ado About Nothing, August 27 thru September 19; The Nerd, September 30 thru October 31; A Child's Christmas in Wales, November 18 thru January 1, 2005 530-265-9320

Les FrancoFolies de Montreal

16th FrancoFolies de Montreal, July 29 thru August 7
 1-800-444-9114, www.francofolies.com

Mondavi Center

Wynton Marsalis Quintet, June 15, 8pm
 530-754-2787, www.mondaviarts.org

Montclair Women's Cultural Arts Club

The Montclair Women's Big Band, August 22, 3:30pm; A Woman's Word, September 11, 7:30pm; Debbie Fier, Omeycan, October 17, 3:30pm; Robin Flower & Libby McLaren, Nancy Fogl, November 13, 7:30pm; Adrienne Tarf, Ronnie Gilbert, December 11, 7:30pm 510-339-1832

New Conservatory Theatre Center

Southern Baptist Sissies, thru July 11; In Concert Series, thru August 29; Gay Playwriting Workshop, Tuesdays July 6 thru September 7, 7-10pm; Goldfield & Koldewyn, July 10 thru

July 18; Pride Season Ten: We Are Family, August 14 thru July 10, 2005

25 Van Ness Avenue @ Market, SF, 415-861-8972, www.nctsf.org

SFIJAZZ

Hugh Masekela, June 15, 7:30pm; Sonny Rollins, June 18, 8pm; Joao Gilberto, June 25, 8pm
 415-788-7353, www.sfi jazz.org

SF Opera Company

La Bohème, June 16, 7:30pm
 301 Van Ness, 415-864-3330, www.sfopera.com

Strawberry Music Festival

Strawberry Fall Music Festival, September 2 thru 6
 209-533-0191, www.strawberrymusic.com

Summer Concerts in Carmichael Park

Free Summer Concert Series, Sundays thru August 29, 6:30-8:30pm
 Carmichael Park, 5750 Grant Ave., 485-5322

The Golden Gate Theatre

Hairspray, thru July 3
 650-327-1200, www.hairsprayonour.com

The Studio of Dramatic Arts

Purple Grass: Open Auditions for Vice-over Performers, June 28, 8am
 PMB 253 @ 1008 10th St., 443-8648

The Woodland Opera House

The Lion In Winter, thru June 20; Over the River and Through the Woods, September 3 thru 26; Swinging on a Star, October 29 thru November 21; I Ought to be in Pictures, January 28 thru February 20, 2005, Once Upon A Mattress, April 8 thru May 1, 2005; Picnic, May 27 thru June 19, 2005
 340 Second St., Woodland, 530-666-9617

Wells Fargo Pavilion

The Producers, thru July 4, 1419 H St., 557-1999, www.sacbroadwayseries.com

ART GALLERIES

20th Street Art Gallery

911 20th St., 930-0500, www.20thstart.com

BAMPFA

Matrix 212: Eija-Liisa Ahtila Intention to Fail, July 11 thru August 5
 2625 Durant Avenue #2250, Berkeley, 510-642-0808

Chroma Gallery

American River Scenes, thru July 4
 10030 Fair Oaks Blvd., Fair Oaks, 966-6020

www.thechromagallery.com

Crocker Art Museum

San Francisco & The Second Wave, thru July 11; The Blair Collection of Abstract Expressionism, thru July 11; Nenoir & His Circle: Works From An Intimate Collection, thru July 11; Humanimals and their Kin: The Art of Gerald Heffernan, thru August 22; Mongolian Art: A Living Landscape, July 31 thru October 3; Indian Miniatures, July 31 thru October 3; Drawing in Italy from 1550-1650, September 11 thru November 7; Edward Weston: Life Work, November 20 thru January 3, 2005
 216 O Street, www.crockerartmuseum.org

Exploding Head Gallery

If Only They Could Talk, thru July 3
 124 12th St., 442-8424

Hang Art

Art Talk: A Picture Tells a 1000 Words, June 24, 6:30-8pm
 556 & 567 Sutter Street, SF 415-434-4264

John Natsoulas Gallery

Boyd Gavin: Paintings, thru July 4
 521 First St., Davis, 530-756-3938

Legion of Honor

Art Deco Dresses from the Permanent Collection, thru June 27; Art Deco: 1910-1939, thru July 4; Between Promise & Reality: The Photographs of Adi Nes, thru July 18; Photo-Image in American Prints 1960-1990, thru July 18
 100 34th Ave., SF 415-750-3614

Lola Gallery

San Francisco Safari, June 25 thru July 17
 2517 Mission St., Second Floor, SF, 415-401-6800

Northern California Arts, Inc

Bald Expressions, September 28 thru October 17
 53308 Gibbons Drive, 971-3713

Phoenix Gallery

Paris: Buildings. Nature. Slice of life. Where I live, thru June 30
 1739 L Street, 447-1632

Richard L. Nelson Gallery

UCD 2004 Masters of Fine Art, thru June 25; Robert Arneson: The Palace at 9 AM, thru October 8

One Shields Avenue, Davis, 530-752-0522

SF MOMA

Larry Sultan: The Valley, thru August 1; Matisse and Beyond: The Painting & Sculpture Collection, starts July 1; Between Art & Life: The Contemporary Painting and Sculpture Collection, starts July 1; New Work: Evan Holloway & Dave Muller, July 1 thru October 24

151 Third Street, SF, 415-357-4000

Solomon Dubnick

M.R. Chase: On My Mind: Stored Thoughts, Wanderings and Daydreams, thru July 3; Cynthia

Hurley: Wellness/Dryness, thru July 3; New Still Life by Jian Wang: Lost in the Moment, thru July 3; Surface & Element, July 8 thru July 31, reception July 10; Laurie Winthers: Quiet Spaces, July 8 thru July 31, reception July 10; New Work by Alan Post, August 5 thru September 4, reception August 14

2131 Northrop Ave., 920-4547

State Capital Building Basement Gallery

Denied: The Crisis of America's Uninsured, thru June 30
 415-641-4636

Tower Framing & Design Gallery

Jean Gallagher: The White Series, thru June 26; 50 Caliber, July 1 thru July 30, reception July 10, 6-9pm
 2131 Northrop Ave., 923-6204

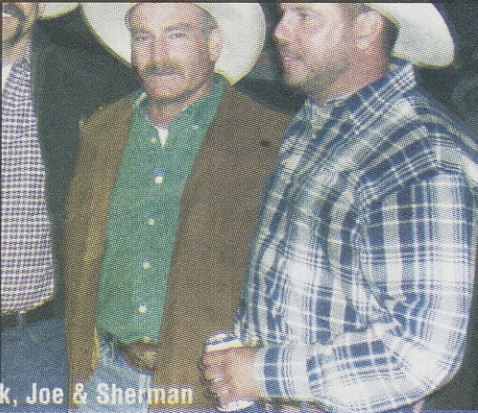
Up Town Studios Art Gallery

Chrystal Webber, thru July 2; Reflections on Women; The Strength Within, September 11 thru October 8
 912 1/2 J Street, 446-1082

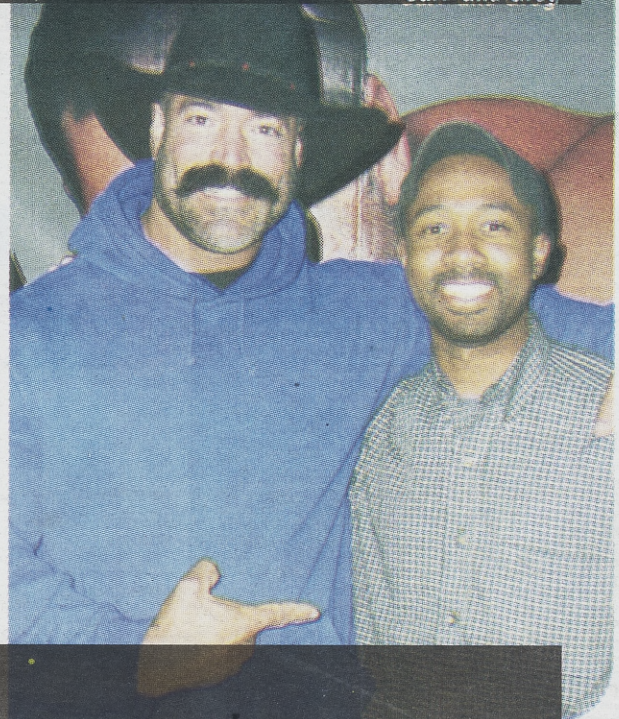
Viewpoint Gallery

Capital Crossroads

Gay Rodeo Association



Dick, Joe & Sherman



Carl and Greg

2004



Greg Leon & Bill Fellner



Mike

Barn Dance

By Greg J.
MGW Staff

The 8th annual Capital Crossroads Gay Rodeo Association Barn dance Fundraiser was held at the Double B Ranch in Thornton on May 22. The event, sponsored by Colt Studios, was a harmony of gay pride and country music that included a photo opportunity with Colt model **Carl Hardwick**.

A raffle with prizes from ColtStudio, Interactive Male and ID Lube was a big hit with the cowboys. Once the raffle was over the classic country tunes of the River City Boyz set the tone for an evening of dancing. Some of the approximately 500 attendees line danced and do-see-doed with their partners to well known country favorites while the rest enjoyed burgers and dogs served up by **Mark Immenschuh** of Entertaining and Floral Company. ▼



River City Boyz



River City Tunes



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